

REMARKS

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

In response to the Species Election Requirement dated June 25, 2008, Applicants hereby elect the species identified as 1), a thiol compound as the monolayer. Claims 1-26 are readable thereon.

Applicants further note that claims 1, 3, 4, 12, 13, 16 and 25 are amended.

Support for the amendment to claim 12 can be found in claim 3 as filed. Support for the amendment to claim 16 can be found in claim 4 as filed. Claims 1, 3, 4, 13 and 25 are amended to clarify the claimed invention and correct grammatical errors.

No new matter is introduced by the above amendments.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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